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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Safe topics for editorial forums, are first the weather, and second the governments which are far away. Indeed abstract questions can be debated, such as the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy, without raising repercussions of an immediate and personal nature. But let any one either at tea tables, in commentary columns, or on the street curb, discuss conditions of municipal government and a liability is incurred no matter how correct the language or righteour the sentiment. So treading warily we broach the subject of selecting city officials.

A week from tomorrow Nevada City voters go to the polls to choose three councilmen. There are seven candidates for three jobs. No city councilman receives any salary, and regretable though it be, seldom any praise. He does receive plenty of destructive criticism and rarely some helpful suggestions. Now, in the opinion of this writer, the kind of councilmen who best fills the requirements of holding public trust in a small community, or for that matter in any community, are the men whose private lives have been above reproach, who have been reasonably successful in managing their own business affairs, and whose personal integrity have never been challenged. In general, these are the positive qualities any man should have, to fill satisfactorily any post as a public servant. Exceptional business ability we can hardly demand, because men with exceptional business talent rarely seek public office. So much for the positive qualifications, as we see it, that candidates for the city council should possess.

On the negative side we believe that candidates for office who seek it for their own preferment, in order to sell the city things that they have for sale, should not be elected, or, for that matter, re-elected. The fact is that this performance is strictly against the law, and any tax payer can file a complaint against any public official whom he suspects of violating the law. Subterfuges of one kind or another, even if the law be evaded, do not make the moral responsibility any less. The man, who as public official buys for the city, from himself, commodities he has for sale as a private individual, is recreant to the trust imposed in him.

Continuing the discussion from the negative side, we believe that no candidate who openly favors an "open town," meaning thereby tacit police approval of gambling devices such as slot machines, pinball games, etc.. should be chosen to be one of the "city fathers." For after all, the city councilmen, in a sense, are city fathers, and they ought not to make it any tougher for the youngsters of the town than these difficult times impose, by exposing the city's youth to the lure of gambling in any form. We mention this because in times past we have heard certain of our prominent citizens and sometimes city officials warmly advocate open gambling even though most forms of gambling are forbidden under state law. We recall that two years ago a slick adventurer attempted to set up on Broad street a palatial night spot, the attraction in which was to be a new fangled gambling device called "hotcha". Some members of the city council seemed much chagrined that the Woman's Civic Club appeared before the council in a body and in a warm session effectively squashed "hotcha."

These suggestions regarding a choice of candidates are not offered from any high pinnacle of editorial virtue, but merely as one citizen looking upon the city council as an instrument for making of such improvements within the city's means, as advance friendly and pleasant living conditions in the community, and for the maintenance of decent, honest, American standards of life.

Mrs. M. Earl Jones is School Board Candidate

Mrs. M. Earl Jones will be a candidate for school trustee in the coming election. Mrs. Jones has resided in Nevada City eight years and has been in Nevada county ten years. She has two children in the local elementary school and one will enter high school this fall. She feels her training and schooling fit her for this position. It has been several years since there has been a woman on the local school board.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS HONOR 2 SOLONS

Republicans and Democrats gathered yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Colfax to honor Assemblyman Allen G. (Scoop) Thurman and Senator Jerry Seawell, for their splendid record in the legislature and to express appreciation for their successful endeavors to give California a business like administration.

There were 55 men and women who were seated at the good dinner. Paul Ullrich of Chicago Park, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee presided. Among the guests and speakers were Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson, Berkeley Republican and Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly, Assemblyman Don Allen, Democrat of Los Angeles, who won himself a place on Governor Olson's "purge" list, Paul Claiborne of Auburn, Dr. Robert A. Peers, mayor of Colfax and delegate to the Republican National Convention from this district, and James Tyrrell of Bret Harte Inn.

Senator Seawell, declared Tyrrell in the course of his address, should be the Republican candidate for governor to run against Governor Olson in the event the recall election is actually held. It is well known, he said that the Democrats, fighting among themselves, have many a candidate in the offing who aspire to Olson's post in the event of his recall. If the Republicans can center their support upon Senator Seawell, Tyrrell held, he will have an excellent chance of election.

Assemblymen Johnson and Allen, Dr. Peers and Chairman Ullrich made brief addresses in which they extolled the courage and the wisdom of Assemblymen Thurman and Senator Seawell in fighting through to success, against a spendthrift and radical state administration, measures to conserve California's taxable property, and to establish relief measures upon a sound fiscal basis.

CARELESS DRIVER HITS OFFICER'S CAR, AND IS FINED $100

Loris Richards, state highway traffic officer, arrested Harold Brown of 302 Bridge street near the Methodist church Saturday evening about nine o'clock when the man struck the officer's car as he drove up Broad street without lights.

Officer Richards stated it was pouring rain and both sides of the street were lined with machines as he came down. He espied the car without lights and pulled over as well as he could to miss it but the car caught the rear end of the officers machine and practically tore off the fender.

Brown was locked up in the county jail and this morning appeared before Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve and was fined $100 and placed on probation for six months.

Margaret Rector and John Larue Announce Engagement Saturday

The engagement of Miss Margaret Rector and John L. Larue was announced in Grass Valley Saturday. Both are members of prominent pioneer families of Nevada county.

Miss Rector is the daughter of E. M. Rector, manager of the Grass Valley Branch of Bank of America, and Mrs. Rector, who reside in Nevada City. She graduated from the Nevada City high school and attended University fo California in Berkeley, Mills College in the bay district and Columbia University in New York City. She is instructor in English in Nevada City high school and a member of Delta Zeta Sorority of University of California.

John Larue, young practicing attorney, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Larue of Grass Valley. He graduated from St. Mary's College and University of California law school. He is assistant to District Attorney Vernon Stoll. His late father was a prominent Northern California attorney. They will reside in Grass Valley after the wedding which it is expected will take place in July or August.

Visits Parents—

Elton Tobiassen, who is attending Agricultural College at Davis, spent the past week end with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. C. J. Tobiassen in Nevada City. In a boxing match with Juel Droubay in Berkeley Thursday night he won a technical knockout.

WPA CREWS START TWO NEVADA CITY STREET PROJECTS

This morning Street Superintendent Herbert Hallett started two WPA crews to work in Nevada City on street projects. One is working along the Seaman property on the upper side of Clark street removing earth and when this is completed a retaining wall of cement will be built. Stumps will be dug out on the lower side and widen the street about four feet.

The second crew started work in back of the Methodist church on Spring street building a retaining wall. There are 25 men on the two projects.

There are about five other projects in the city that will be completed when the WPA work is done which includes work on the intersection of Sacramento and Clark streets; a strip on the Lower Grass Valley road between Valley and Sacramento streets; grading on Reward street just beyond the new Miners Hospital; a distance of about 150 feet on Court street between Main and Coyote and the "hump" in the highway at the junction of the Tahoe-Ukiah highway and Willow Valley road.

TRINITY PARISH MEMBERS WILL MEET IN SACTO.

Many members of Trinity parish will journey to Sacramento to represent the church in Nevada City at the annual convention in Sacramento on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Among those going from Trinity parish as delegates to the convention there are Mayor and Mrs. Benjamin Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kemper, Charles Elliot, Miss Ruth Hutchison, Mrs. E. M. Rector, Mrs. Arthur Innis, Mrs. Charles Parsons, Mrs. Helen Sawyer, Mrs. E. E. Baker, Mrs. Minerva Wright, Mrs. Clarence La Boyteaux and Mrs. Minarich.

Corporate Communion

All the members of Trinity Parish wishing to attend the convention may day so by arriving in Sacramento on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m. at which time the people of the diocese will make their corporate communion, at Christ Church Cathedral, 15th and J streets, Sacramento. At this service the Rev. Alex A. Barron and the Rev. Carl N. Tamblyn will be ordained to the priesthood.

Luncheon will be at 12:45 p. m. at the Hotel Senator. At 2:15 business of the convention will be completed. At 3:15 the people present at the convention will be addressed by the Rt. Rev. Edward Lambe Parsons, Bishop of the Mother Diocese of California. His topic will deal with "Church Unity Efforts in Relation to a World Situation." Bishop Parsons is recognized as the greatest churchman and statesman of the day. He is well known in Europe and in America.

Visiting Speaker

A visiting speaker of interest to the women at the convention will be Miss Ruth Jenkins, president of the Girls' Friendly work in the Province of the Pacific. The convention will close with a tea at the bishop's house, 2600 M street, from four to five o'clock.

Cousin of Mrs. Treglown Dies in Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Will Treglown of this city have just received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Treglown's cousin, Donald Wilson, at Coalinga Sunday morning. They did not receive details of the accident but some time Saturday he was hurt in an auto accident and died Sunday morning at 3 o'cloc. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Truckee were notified and hurried to the southern city but arrived at 10 o'clock after he had passed away. With his parents he often visited Nevada City. He was on the staff of the Tidewater Oil Company at Coalinga.

FOREST SERIVCE AIDS PATROL

Captain Joe Blake, of the state highway patrol, and Traffic Officer Lorris Richards of this district took three of the forest service portable radio sending sets to Marysville Saturday evening for emergency use in the flooded areas. The Tahoe Ukiah highway near Marysville was flooded and the officers took the radios via Lincoln. These radios are only loaned in an emergency.

FOREST CITY MAN DROWNS IN CREEK

The little city of Forest City, near Alleghany, was shocked this morning when one of its citizens, Chester Evans, was found drowned in Oregon Creek back of the Jack Woods home at an early hour. Evans aged about 60 years, had been in the business district Saturday and evidently started home in a torrential rain which had been pouring all day and as he crossed a little foot bridge leading to his home he fell into the stream a mad torrent of high water. He is a well known old time resident of Forest and it is stated he eaves a mother in the little city. He was better known to his many friends as "Chick."

THREE ACCUSED OF HIGHGRADING

Agents of the secret service and the state division of mines ended a month long pursuit of asserted highgraders by jailing three men in San Francisco whom they accuse of thefts of thousands of dollars worth of gold from the Alleghany district of Sierra county.

The men were booked in the city prison under the names of John Connel, 50 Alleghany; Joseph Cartoscelli, 29, Nevada City, and Albert Boroscchi, 49, Antioch.

The officers said Connell had two bars of gold, weighing 130 ounces and valued at $4,450 in his possession when taken into custody.

The agents said his small mine near Alleghany was used as a base for the asserted highgrading operations.—Sacramento Bee.

TAHOE UKIAH ROAD IS OPEN

From the local state division of highways headquarters it was learned that highways are open from Nevada City to Sierra City and state route 15 or the Tahoe Ukiah highway, this city to Marysville is open. There is a snow pack of five inches of new snow at Bassetts above Sierra City. A new snow pack of two inches is on the Tahoe Ukiah highway east of Nevada City at Steep Hollow. Snow plows were out during the week end clearing roads of snow and the Hahoe Ukiah is open to traffic throughout.

The highway near Camptonville, reported closed several times, has been open with a narrow strip of one way road. A bad cavein made the road bed about eight feet wide at one point and crews are repairing this strip. There were a number of slides along the highway due to the heavy rainfall but these have been cleared so as not to bother traffic.

E. M. RECTOR WILL NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

E. M. Rector, who has been a member of the Nevada City board of school trustees for ten years or more and whose term is now expiring, today announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election. P. G. Scadden, whose term also expires, stated last week that he would not be a candidate.

Those who have announced their candidacy for school trustee are Hal D. Draper and Frank Finnegan. There are three vacancies to be filled. In addition to the two expirations mentioned above, the term of the late Wade Armstrong would also have expired this April.

There are seven members of the school board and their terms run for three years. An election is held each year when the terms of either two or three of the members expire. The election this year takes place April 27, Saturday afternoon in the Grammar School building.

ST. AGNES GUILD

St. Agnes Guild will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Hall on South Pine street. Mrs. Runckel will speak on the work the guild is doing in St. Luke's hospital in the Philippines.

H. P. Davis Returns—

H P.. Davis, local mining engineer returned today from about a week's business and pleasure trip in Southern California. His wife remained in San Diego for a longer visit with navy friends she knew in Haiti.

Census Takers Begin Their Work Tomorrow

Editorial Note: Over the radio recently a New England senator, a Republican, has been inveighing against the "personal" questions to be asked by the census takers. This man corresponds so closely to Boob McNutt of the comic strip that it seems almost a miracle to listen to him come to life over the radio. He might also easily be likened to Mortimer, of Edgar Bergen fame, without the latter's saving gift of humor.

A careful perusal of the questions to be asked by the census takers beginning tomorrow, reveals nothing that any self-respecting citizen need hesitate in answering.

Mrs. Esther T. Joyal, census clerk representing the Roseville census district headquarters office, met with enumerators at the city hall this morning. The district comprises ten counties or the second congressional district, Nevada on the north and including Inyo on the south.

The census starts tomorrow. Mrs. Violet Chapman has been selected as census enumerator north or Deer Creek in this city while Miss Beryl Granholm will secure names and data south of the creek.

Mrs. Joyal stated the two questions that have stirred up so much comment are really not so serious. The first or No. 32 asks "how much did you receive in salary?" "The other one simply asks if "you had an income of more than $50 from other sources." and does not ask how much money you have.

During this month 120,000 census takers will travel the equivalent of 1,000 times the circumference of the earth and call on approximately 132 million people to get the basic facts about their lives and the 33 million dwellings in which they live.

The questions must be answered, since the law so provides, but any revelations of the answers on the part of census takers is also punishable under the law. The penalty for revealing census statements to anyone outside the census bureau is a fine up to $1,000 and /or, two years in jail. This will be the 16th decennial U. S. Census.

Census Director William L. Austin said recently the average number of questions to be asked of each of 132 million people in the 1940 census of population is 15.7.

The total number of questions on the regular population schedule is 34 but only six of these questions call for information on all of the people. These are the inquiries covering name, relationship, age, school attendance, highest grade of school completed, and place of birth.

Three of the 34 inquiries—street, road, etc., house number and visitation number—will be asked of nobody as the enumerator will fill in those blanks. Likewise the questions indicating farm residence, sex and color will be filled in by the enumerator without help.

The question on marital status is limited to those of 10 years of age and over and will apply to about 109 million people. Place of residence five years ago will apply to persons five years old and over—approximately 121 million people. Important questions such as tenure, value and rent will be asked only of the 33 million heads of families. The question on citizenship will apply to approximately 10 million foreign-born.

Many of the answers automatically will eliminate the individual being enumerated from answering alternate questions.

Including the supplementary questions to be asked of each twentieth person, the Census Bureau computes —based upon the numerical extent of the groups affected—that the total number of inquiries will be 2,068,000 which divided by 132 million people means an average of 15.7 per person. In the special census in Indiana last fall, Austin said, each person enumerated spent only from eight to fifteen minutes with the enumerator depending upon how well he was informed in advance as to the character of information sought.

The last three questions on the supplementary schedule—number of times married, age at first marriage, and children born—will be asked of only 1,700,000 persons.

The regular population schedule of 34 inquiries compares with 32 inquiries in the census of 1930 and this year's regular schedule of 34

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NEVADA COUNTY RURAL TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

In spite of the pouring rain the members of the Nevada County Rural Teachers Club and their guests turned out in large numbers for the all-day session held Saturday at the Grass Valley high school.

The scheduled speaker, Dr. H. E. Chamberlain, Chief, Division of Child Welfare Service, State Department of Social Welfare, was unable to be present, but Miss Leedy and Miss Day, two of his assistants in the department substituted for him, and discussed the functions of the department; aid to the aged, blind and department children.

Traces History

Miss Leedy traced the history of the dependent child in California from the Gold Rush days to the present time. She stated that California stands out as one of the few states to keep the family together, where there are dependent children. California has 32,000 children receiving aid and stands fourth highest with a generous program for child aid. All states, with the exception of Wyoming, have plans for caring for children since the Social Security Act of 1935 was passed.

Preceding the business meeting the teachers displayed samples of work from their classrooms and exchanged ideas for projects on history, nature and other subjects.

Public Schools Week

Mr. Carlson, County Superintendentof schools, reminded the teachers that Public Schools Week would be held April 22 to 27. This is sponsored by the State Department of Education and by the Masonic fraternities, and he expressed the hope that a special effort be made by every rural teacher to observe it in her school in a fitting manner.

Mrs. Mosher, Rural Supervisor, urged the teachers to carry on their conservation program, especially in regard to fire hazards and the preservation of wild flowers.

The luncheon served at 12:30 by Miss Evelyn Reynolds and the girls of her home making class of the Grass Valley high school received the highest praise.

Mrs. Grace Mounday, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

Co-ordinating Council to Choose Director

The Co-ordinating Council will meet tomorrow afternoon in the city hall. Among other business to be transacted is the selection of a recreation director for this summer. Two applications have been received and a postal ballot has been taken among the members.

The Co-ordinating council, consisting of representatives from civic and fraternal organizations of Nevada City, was formed for the first time last season for the purpose of providing healthful recreation facilities for all children during at least two months of the summer vacation. The activity has had the hearty endorsement of A. W. McGagin, county probation officer.

ANTLERS TO SEAT OFFICERS

Tonight at the regular meeting of the Nevada City Lodge of Antlers, the officers for the new term, which starts today will be installed by Clifford B. Merriam, Exalted Ruler of Nevada City Lodge of Elks and his fellow officers.

Craig Davies will be installed as Exalted Antler to succeed Fred Garrison, head of the lodge for the past two terms. Other officers will be advanced according to their rank.

To Wed—

Clarence Deal, 30, of Alleghany, and Daisy Green, 29, Nevada City, secured a marriage license in Reno, March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dolan returned Thursday evening from an Easter holiday in the bay cities with relatives.

John Ramm and brother Julius Ramm and other family members of Camptonville were business visitors in Nevada City today.

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War Results Forecast

The most striking forecast of the week on the outcome of the European war was not made in any foreign capital, nor by a British, French or German spokesman. It was uttered in a San Francisco address by Dr. Kharaiti R. Samras, California Hindu leader and one of the nation's foremost authorities on "Mother India."

"India holds the key", he declared before a gathering of businessmen and civic leaders, "to victory or defeat for the Allies. With India's full support, British sea and air power plus French land power, will prevail. Without India's co-operation. Britain is doomed to defeat, and the collapse of the British Empire will shake the world." Whether or not that opinion is wholly sound, the standing of Dr. Samras gives it force.

The current Indian peak of unrest and the civil disobedience campaign, are by no means a behind-the-scenes move to aid Hitler in his battle to destroy Britain, according to Dr. Samras. "Indian public opinion," he said, "deplores Naziism and Communism. The ideals the great democracies uphold are our ideals. But India feels that in return for Indian aid, England should show herself the true champion of democracy by granting the Indian people equal status with the other peoples who make up the British Commonwealth of Nations. India can hardly be expected to drain her wealth and resources in order to preserve democracy elsewhere—so long as democracy is denied to her."

The entire problem of India, insofar as it affects the outcome of the titanic new war ,is exceedingly complex to the American mind. Whether or not India, is the key, as Dr. Samras believes, news from that faraway land seems to increase in importance day by day. His views, as a Hindu leader, are of pertinent interest to Americans.

Army Day

Approaching Army Day finds our sturdy doughboys the subject of more controversy ad confusion in opinion than has prevailed since the original Army Day of April 6. 1917, when America entered the War. Fiery General Hugh Johnson thunders that the Navy grabs the lion's share of defense appripriations, while the Army is under-equipped and under-financed. He says we'll all be sorry if war comes, and the fleet falls down, and we're invaded. Navy bigwigs whoop that all we need is an expanded two-ocean Navy, and then we can turn the Army posts into a chain of laundries or something. Some experts say the new automatic rifles are the bunk—they jam when dust or sand gets into them. Others argue that the rifles are regular jim dandies.

But what does the buck private in the rear rank think of it all? According to one we know, the only think he's excited about is that the bugler he's always wanted to murder is dead! At a California post (it would happen here!) buglers have been supplanted by loud-speaker calls played on records—sounding reveille just as loud and early as any bugler. However the experiment works out, it's positively the ultimate in mechanizing the Army. And we hope we haven't spoiled Army Day for the General Staff by giving away a military secret!

Charlie Chaplin, Dictator

Unfortunately it's just a press-agent's pipe-dream, that Hollywood story that Charlie Chaplin's forthcoming movie travesty on dictators may be pre-viewed in Berlin by a one-man audience—Adolf Hitler. But the gag is more thought-provoking than funny. The idea is that if the Nazi-man possessed anything remotely reselmbling a sense of humor, he'd take one look at the picture, then call off the war and retire to his mountain top, giggling.

It won't happen, of course. The mimicry of Chaplin, whose "Hitler" moustache was known the world over long before Hitler abandoned house painting, probably would not entertain the sullen-faced Fuehrer, nor would Jack Oakie's portrayal of Mussolini, or Billy Gilbert's Goering (with a new uniform for every scene) send the supreme dictator into gales of mirth. One thing, though, is certain—the German people, who if not amused, at least would be enlightened to see their ruler as the rest of the world sees him, will never be allowed the chance. American movie audiences, rollicking with laughter, will do well to reflect on that, and count as not the least of their blessings that their own leaders, elected by the people, may—with utter freedom and no fear or reprisal—be praised, condemned, eulogized—or even laughed at!

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Politics--State and Nation

By BISHOP, JOHNSON AND KENNEDY

WAR—Washington is abuzz with happenings of the last few days. The pertinent question, as always, will there be a "war"? The consensus of expert o inion is equally divided; some feel there will be a total war as is evidenced by recent events in France; others contend there will be continued fluff and a peace following before the end of May.

The analysis is interesting and, as always, unusually complicated. Propaganda, it seems, is more vital than bullets in World War No. 2. However, careful examination brings to light important developments. As usua., France and England are doing the popping off.

Hitler and Mussolini kept a secret rendezvous in the over publicized Brenner Pass. It was a rendezvous, of that there is no doubt; but the secrecy was equivalent to a Hollywood benefaction. Particularly we have in mind the picture star who was stealing quite a bit of newspaper space for her interest in underprivileged babies. Her activities were abated for a few weeks, so a brilliant idea crossed her alleged mind: Another splurge for the babies. She instructed her press agent to arrange with the foundling home to send four babies for the week end—and six cameras from the papers.

Il Duce and the Fuehrer met for a specific purpose — namely, to try once more dose of sabre rattling. Hitler presumed that a meeting between himself and the Italian leader would throw great fear into the hearts of the Allies, and together with Sumner Welles' appearance, something resembling a German victor peace would result. So this happened: England carried on her first air raid on Sylt, the German air base.

It is universally agreed that what affects one part of the world affects the whole world, and no peoples can or may from this day on live in a cloister of solitude; therefore, we, in America, hope for an early peace. As the President has pointed out, it must be a moral peace, and to this England heartily subscribes. But, asks the man in the street, what constitutes a moral peace? The Nazis will not accept anything short of a token victory and the Allies, much as they would like to, can not subscribe in the light of past activity.

Summed up, the balance favors the United States. Allied agents are ready to place orders in this country for $1,000,000,000 in latest model airplanes. It is requested by them that our most recent secret planes be included in the orders about to be placed, waving aside objections from the isolationist groups that planes ordered now will not be delivered until 1941, and, by that time, peace will have been effected.

SACRAMENTO—What was expected to be the loudest noise of the week—Lieut. Governor's mad agin the governor turned out to be a little zephyr. Seems it was expected with the leak coming from the M-N-X crowd who are pledged to support Pat; the deal was made when the Lieut. Governor was taken for a "ride" by Willis Allen of the Pension crowd who suspected straddling. Thirty days ago the first of large signs appeared on the highways announcing Pat for the senate; since then many more have been added. Says an old wag to all this: "These lesser elected officers take themselves very seriously, or is it that campaigning is a profitable business. Next big smear will involve a legislator from Southern California for implication in a felony back in 1930 (Statute of limitations does not affect action). The more conservative Republicans review the half hearted recall as an unpopular gesture. Reminds many of the old Repubs of the early days of Oklahoma where no governor ever succeeded himself and was indeed fortunate not to be recalled. "Alfalfa" Bill Murray was the first man to steer the course, but he failed in a second attempt. Next important SRA action will affect super-snoopers; many of the case workers will be discharged from service. The new proposal is a relief client qualification which will spare clients the invasion of privacy. California Farm Chemurgic Council wants 1,200,000 California acres reclaimed and planted in oil bearing seed plants and other crops now being imported. New wealth, $100,000,000 annually, will result is claim. Plan promises increased employment, reduction of relief costs, more diversified use of land and lessened taxation.

● *You don't have to be an authority to enjoy playing Guess Again. Read the question, indicate choice of answer in space provided, check for correctness, then tally score to get your rating.*

(1) The state having the greatest percentage of land that can be cultivated is (a) Texas, (b) Illinois, (c) New York, (d) Iowa. ☐

(2) Picture of a dog listening to a talking machine is the trade mark of (a) Westminister Kennel club, (b) RCA-Victor, (c) National Broadcasting company, (d) Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. ☐

(3) What Balkan country on this map is represented by the question mark? (a) Estonia, (b) Peru, (c) Andorra, (d) Bulgaria? ☐

(4) *True or false:* Potatoes were introduced into America from Europe. ☐

(5) When Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic it took him (a) about 33½ hours; (b) 3 days and 2 nights, (c) 18 hours, 36 minutes, (d) 53 hours, 11 minutes. ☐

(6) First 10 amendments to the U. S. Constitution are known as (a) Magna Charta, (b) the Preamble, (c) Pursuits of Happiness, (d) Bill of Rights. ☐

(7) The "franking privilege," (a) permits members of congress to speak bluntly in criticizing fellow members, (b) allows government officials to send unstamped material by mail, (c) allows members of congress to obtain free haircuts and shaves, (d) provides members of congress with immunity from civil court action while in Washington, D. C. ☐

"GUESS AGAIN" ANSWERS — Tally Score Here

1. Tall Corn State (d) 15 pts. . ____
2. Easy, wasn't it? (b) 10 pts. . ____
3. Score 20 for Bulgaria (d) . . ____
4. Quite the reverse (false, 15 pts.) ____
5. Plus 15 for (a) . . . . . ____
6. A cinch 10 pts. (d) . . . . . ____
7. This time it's (b) 15 pts. . . ____

YOUR RATING: If you score 100 pts, you peeked; 90, excellent; 80, good; 70, average; 60 and below: You didn't concentrate. TOTAL . ____

POLITICAL PARADE

BY CLEM WHITAKER

David slew Goliath, so perhaps there's still hope for that soft spoken little fellow—the California taxpayer!

At any rate, the harried little man who works too hard to complain much—and is usually too busy trying to pay his taxes to appear in the halls of the legislature—has finally gotten his dander up and his slingshot out, ready for action.

And having heard a lot about pressure organizations, which say "Gimmie!" in threatening crescendo, and usually get what they ask for, the troubled taxpayer has joined up with some of his fellows and formed a pressure group of his own to outpressure the pressure gangs.

Called the Citizens Economy Bloc of California, the new organization hah set out to enlist "dollar-a-year-men" (that's the cost of a membership' and is energetically signing up home owners, farmers, housewives, business men and any and all taxpayers who are willing to lend a helping hand in supporting the work of the bi-partisan economy bloc in the state legislature.

In the list of officers includes Former Lieutenant Governor George J. Hatfield, a Merced county farmer, who is president; Leslie E. Burks of the San Francisco Real Estate Board secretary; Dr. Henry G .Watters, of Watsonville, past department combander of the American Legion; C. L. Preisker, chairman of the Santa Barbara county board of supervisors, and William M. Garland of Los Angeles, past president of the California Real Estate Association, the latter serving as vice presidents.

"California taxes have more than trebled in the short span of six years," said Mr. Hatfield, president of the bloc. "If that debauch of extravagance and reckless mis-use of public funds is allowed to continue, every working, producing citizen in California will be taxed to the point of distraction. The Citizens Economy Bloc is composed of taxpayers, who demand a ceiling on state taxes. We have no axes to grind, except economy axes, but we are determined to fight any and all new taxes."

Directors of the economy bloc, representing all shades of political opinion, include: Dr. Marianna Bertola, past president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. Duncan S. Robinson of Rio Vista, likewise a past president of the women's federation; Ralph H. Taylor, secretary Agricultural Council of California; Glenn D. Willaman, secretary California Real Estate Association, and H. L. Gianetti of Pasadena, president of the association; Lewis M. Foulke of Siskiyou County, president Common Property Owners Association of California; J. R. Gabbert, Riverside newspaper publisher; Walter H. Duval, Santa Paula rancher; Charles R. Page, San Francisco insurance executive; Paul C. Newell of Bakersfield, George W. Savage of Independence and J. M. Brown of Atascadero, all newspaper publishers; S. R. Black, secretary California Forest Protective Association; William W. Bradford of the Southern California Restaurant Association; Lowell Edington, president Napa County Farm Bureau; Kenneth M. Brown, San Francisco insurance executive and a score of others.

TAX EXPERT SAYS SPENDING PROGRAM CURTAILS BUSINESS

"A halt must be called to the public expenditures which have caused the heavy increases in the tax burden," Dr. A. C. Hardison, of Santa Paula, president of California Taxpayers' Association, told the 300 taxpayers and public officials attending the Fourteenth Annual meeting of the Taxpayers' association in Los Angeles.

"Tax collections in California have doubled since 1932-33, when we hit the bottom of the depression," he said. "In that year the federal, state, and local governments took $450,000,000 from the people of California in taxes. In 1938-39 they took $919,000,000. During these seven years population increased only 16 per cent, while tax collections increased 104 per cent. And during these seven years fourteen new taxeses were added by our state government alone. The increase in the tax burden has been so grat as to hold back industrial expansion and the normal return to prosperity.

"If public expenditures are to be held within reason," Dr. Hardison declared, "active support must be given by every taxpayer to the economy efforts made by public officials. They should receive active commendation and encouragement by tax conscious citizens when they do hold down the cost of government."

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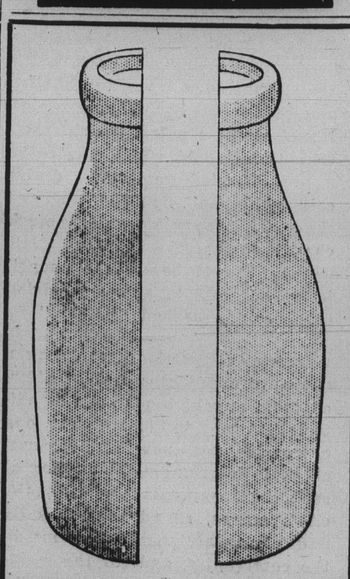

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Treasure Island in Bloom

Donning its gay new colorful dress in preparation for the opening of the 1940 season on May 25, Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay is already a scene of beauty. Rita Wynn points out the golden bloom which adorn over 300 acacia trees on the Exposition grounds. Over 700,000 annuals have been [illegible] for the first half of the new season, to be followed by an entirely new pattern in mid-season.

Ski Tournament At Cisco Is Popularity Milestone

By JOHN R. HODGSON
Forest Ranger, Tahoe National Forest

Skiing in its steady growth in popularity has had few milestones to mark the way, but at the high school tournament at Cisco recently we saw a marker, a sign post perhaps, pointing to the future of skiing. Mostly youths were there at this important ski event, but there were also a handful of old timers who looked on and wondered.

Ten groups of students entered this ski meet, representing as many high schools in northern California. Over 100 youngsters took part in the event, with twice that number taking over the entire Auburn Ski Club grounds for fun and practice. The small group of old timers watched and compared this meet with those of former years. Here we saw skiing that looked very much like Class A competition. We saw nothing like this at former students meets, even those of two or three years ago.

The skill exhibited at this meet was remarkable. Everywhere there was a marked attitude toward controlled skiing, something we seldom see on the average ski hill. High school coaches were constantly drumming control and safety into the minds of the youngsters and time after time we saw check turns executed when straight schusts might have won higher place in competition. Here possibly is a mile stone in skiing—safety and control taught in the schools.

But we, the old timers, looked on and wondered at something else as important as safety in skiing. That was enthusiasm. There was little of this at earlier meets. There was much at this one. So great was the zest and the enthusiasm that we think our sport of skiing has come to stay with these youngstres a long, long time. One could easily see in these enthusiatic young skiers, the grass roots of skiing, the future permanency of the sport.

With the wildflower season taking many people to foothill and valley regions, there still seems to be plenty of skiers in the Donnor Trail area. According to Forest Service counts there was about 6,000 man days of skiing between March 11 and 17, and this is a fair average. This indicates a healthy interest in skiing and with the solid snow pack at higher elevations much spring skiing will take place. Warm, sunny days on the higher slopes will bring some of the finest skiing conditions of the season. Some corn snow was seen in places last week and it appears that spring waxes will soon be in order. Since the sun can be expected to be quite bright on the high slopes, it is suggested that skiers check their glasses. It is well to remember that those of the non-breakable type are best and that the eyes must be protected from sunrays reflected from the snow. While tanned faces and hands will become quite common shortly, the girls ought to be warned that it is a bit early yet for shorts or bathing suits.

A good number of skiers have been seen hunting for the approach to the North Donner run this season. This ski trail will now be quite easy to find as the U. S. Forest Service has just finished posting the route all the way from Vanderfords Resorts to Donner Lake. The trail is marked with 18" triangular orange and black signs, starting opposite the Vanderford resort and to the crest about ½ mile north, then following the power line down to the lake. Beginners will do well to turn back at the crest, however, and ski back toward the highway, since a series of steep descents on the East slope are too difficult for any but fairly good skiers. Snow is going fast at the lower end of this trail but good skiing remains higher up.

Touring, which becomes quite popular with the spring skiing season, should be even more in vogue this year. Many of our ski hill graduates are already taking to the back woods trails. A rather interesting suggestion has been made in connection with touring. The Forest Service has established many miles of fine cross country trails in the Donner Trail area, but as yet there remains few guides to take parties out over these extended trips. As touring is more interesting in a party, having a competent guide who knows the country and can keep the party together, we wonder why a guide service has not been thought of yet. Ski instructors who run into slack season instruction, might well turn to this as an idea to develop.

The National Ski Patrol gets a boost on its uphill path by a first aid training course at the Norden Station. Patrol Captain, Al Becquette of Auburn, is teaching the course to some 20 ski instructors and others interested in the Donner Trail area. This Red Cross course is a requirement for patrolman.

To those skiers who are interested in equipment, we make this suggestion. The National Ski Patrol boys say they are badly in need of ideas for better rescue equipment. The ordinary toboggan is too difficult to handle on steep slopes. A rescue toboggan having ski runners and brake attachment has been suggested but any ideas or sketches would be welcomed. Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand at the University of California, Berkeley, will be glad to receive any ideas on this subject and will see that they reach the National Ski Patrol units for try-outs.

Goes To Utah—
Mrs. Will C. Perry of this city left recently for Utah to be with her mother who is quite ill.

NO DULL MOMENTS IN CALIFORNIA NEW BULLETIN REVEALS

The man who said something about "California's Festive Spirit," was putting it mildly. More than 230 fairs, fiestas, flower shows, sports events, rodeos and celebrations to be held in California through the spring, summer and fall are listed in the new "Fairs and Fiestas" bulletin just issued by the Travel Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce.

To California visitors and residents alike the new bulletin will be helpful in the business of planning pleasure trips for the next six months. It lists county fairs, district agricultural fairs, the state fair, Spanish fiestas, Mexican fiestas; wildflower shows, garden shows; golf and tennis tournaments, track events, yacht races; professional rodeos, non-professional rodeos, horse shows, gymkhanas, round ups; outdoor plays, pioneer days, and the celebrations "in sixty delicious flavors." The list includes the final and complete Western Fairs Association schedule.

The "Fairs and Fiestas" bulletin may be had free upon request from any office of the California State Chamber of Commerce. Offices are located at 350 Bush street, San Francisco, 950 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Stockton and Fresno.

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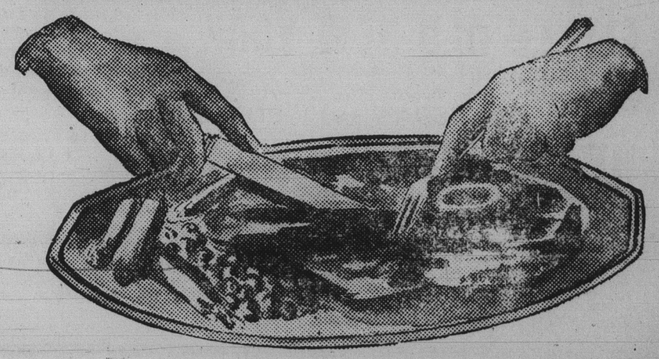

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By BARBARA PHARISS

The weekly Friday assembly consisted of the awarding of California Scholarship Federation pins to honor students, and the announcing of the results of the audiometer tests previously given by Mrs. Hefelfinger.

Small gold torchlight pins were awarded to Patricia Presley, Patricia Arbogast, Mary Libbey, Mary Innis, Elizabeth LaValley, Helen Yuen, Shirley Berk and James McCraney, because they were on the C. S. F. for the past semester. Miss Rector, advisor, distributed the pins.

MITE BOXES

Announcement and explanation of the national "Childrens' Crusade" was made by Mrs. Flewellen. It is a movement sponosred by educational, religious and civic leaders of the entire nation to give the children of America the opportunity of giving donations to the needy homeless children of Europe. Penny mite boxes will be distributed throughout the schools the week of April 22 to 30.

SENIORS' THREE ACT COMEDY

The senior class will present a three act comedy "Meet the Duchess" next Friday night. The plot is a story of a modern Cinderella, Elsie Blake, who wins a popularity contest in the small town of Hogwash, Iowa, and finally becomes a star in Hollywood. The story proves that adventure, romance and glamor are characteristics of Hollywood. The cast directed by Miss Ivey Adelle Ruiter, is working hard to make the play a great success. The senior farce will be the first to be presented on the new stage.

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That there is something new and different in movie plots is evidenced by the twists this story takes. Silky is the typical gangster, illiterate but calculating, shrewd, cold and cruel, operates a streamlined liquor business ,strictly "legitimate" and "government," but using the gang salesmanship methods of prohibition days. Greed for what he believes is a $10,000,000 inheritance takes Silky to England.

Bewildered by a situation he can't understand Silky is forced to depend on his lawyer and pal, Doc Ramsey, played by Edward Arnold. When Doc "rats" on him, Silky murders him and is tried by his peers in the House of Lords, a famous murder trial shown on the screen for the first time.

Silky gives Montgomery a powerful role from a dramatic standpoint, but also humorous in its unusual, surprising and spectacular situations. Richard Thorpe who directed Montgomery in "Night Must Fall," directed the picture, with a supporting cast of 159 players, featuring Reginald Owen, Edmund Gwenn, E. E. Clive, Ronald Sinclair, Norma Varden, Halliwell Hobbes, Ian Wulf, Peter Godfrey and Billy Bevan. Victor Saville, producer of "The Citadel" and "Goodbye Mr. Chips" produced "The Earl of Chicago," as his first American picture.

INVESTORS IN LOAN COMPANY MOVE TO STAVE OFF LOSSES

Certificate holders of the huge Pacific States Savings and Loan Company moved today to stave off possible loss of their $50,000,000 in savings.

They announced organization of the Pacific States Certificate Holders' Committee, and the opening of state headquarters in the Flood building, San Francisco. Southern California offices will be opened in Los Angeles later.

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A southern mill recently opened will make rayon from pine, formerly almost useless except for timber.

Sponges are members of the animal kingdom.

CENSUS TAKERS

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includes inquiries on unemployment which, in the census of 1930 were covered in an additional schedule of 15 questions, and not included in the regular 1930 schedule of 32 questions.

Ryan Improves—

James Ryan, who has been confined to his home about two weeks with arthritis, is showing some improvement which is good news to his many friends.

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